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Dear Jim,

I got home last night and am snowed under, with what I left undone and with what developed after we parted. Before I address that, I want to thank you for your many kindnesses and your selflessness.

And I also want to assure you that, aside from Bud's having to pay for the rental car I got Saturday, this cost nothing. I think that considering that your brother was going abroad, this is a very slight cost.

In time, you will come to realize that you had to go, if the reaction of your parents, if not your brother, hasn't already so informed you.

The rest of my trip was simply fantastic. I haven't time to go into it, but in N.O. and in Dallas new people opened up.

In neither place would those I saw have talked to me in the presence of another. I have Dallas friends who also were not with me there, including those with whom I stayed.

Hope you are having a good holiday and that someday I can visit Long Beach. This trip I had to work over the weekend anyway, taking pictures we need. It was the only time I had for that, and then I didn't get two locations I should have. However, I think these pictures would have added nothing, for I do not believe they'll be relevant.

Again, many thanks.

Best regards,